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In re Application of:

**WILLIAM HILL, SIMON D. EARNSHAW,  
SIMON J. DANIELS, AND DAVID M. MELTZER**

Serial No.: **09/479,979**

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY  
ADAPTING THE LAYOUT OF A DOCUMENT  
TO AN OUTPUT DEVICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

In the Specification

Page 1, line 15, please insert the following "This is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending, prior application serial no. 08/847,427, entitled "Method and System for Dynamically Adapting a Layout of a Document to an Output Device" filed April 24, 1997 on behalf of inventors William Hill, Simon D. Earnshaw, Simon J. Daniels, and David M. Meltzer, and assigned to Microsoft Corporation, which is incorporated herein by reference."

Page 16, line 14, please replace "may selected" with —maybe selected—

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